



General Assembly

January Session, 2007

Raised Bill No. 1320

LCO No. 4744

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
(HED)

AN ACT CONCERNING BIOTECH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Within available appropriations,
2 the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, in consultation with the
3 Department of Higher Education and the boards of trustees of the
4 constituent units of the state system of higher education and the
5 Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, and a representative
6 of an economic cluster, as defined in section 32-4e of the general
7 statutes relating to the bioscience industry, shall establish a pilot
8 program to provide bioscience-related externship and cooperative
9 work-study opportunities to students attending institutions of higher
10 education in Connecticut.

11 (b) Not later than October 1, 2007, the Office of Workforce
12 Competitiveness, in consultation with the Commissioner of Higher
13 Education and the boards of trustees of the constituent units of the
14 state system of higher education and the Connecticut Conference of
15 Independent Colleges, shall establish written participation guidelines
16 for the pilot program pursuant to this section.

17 (c) Not later than January 1, 2008, the Office of Workforce
18 Competitiveness shall submit a status report, in accordance with the
19 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the establishment
20 and on any operation of the pilot program pursuant to this section to
21 the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission and the joint
22 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
23 matters relating to appropriations, commerce and higher education
24 and workforce development.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a pilot program to provide bioscience-related externship and cooperative work-study opportunities to students attending an accredited institution of higher education in Connecticut.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]